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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 592

By Davis (Cocke)

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mr. Jay Graham for
being named the Cocke County Soil
Conservation District's Farmer of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those persons who through their occupational endeavors have distinguished themselves as citizens of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Mr. Jay Graham, who on Tuesday, March 21, 2000 was named Conservation Farmer of the Year by the Cocke County Soil Conservation District at its annual awards banquet; and

WHEREAS, First Union Bank Financial Specialist Tip Williams, presented the award to Mr. Graham at the banquet, sponsored by the Brockwell Construction Company, Tri-State John Deere Tractor, Newport Kiwanis Club, and the Cocke County Farmers Co-Op; and

WHEREAS, Jay Graham is a farmer devoted to the land and its conservation; he farms about 1,200 acres and has used the soil-conserving, no-till method for about eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, in recognition and deep appreciation of this award, Mr. Graham stated, “I am honored to receive the award. It’s nice to receive recognition for farming practices that save time and labor and provide advantages environmentally as well.”; and

WHEREAS, when Jay started farming eighteen years ago, it took four employees to farm his 700 acres of cropland; now with the no-till method, he now has two people who farm 1,200 acres; and

WHEREAS, he epitomizes the spirit and commitment that is characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge Jay Graham for his dedication to the profession he loves; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Mr. Jay Graham for his unflagging efforts to conserve the land while reaping the bounty that our rich Tennessee soil has to offer, and congratulate him for being named the Cocke County Soil Conservation District’s Conservation Farmer of the Year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to Jay our best wishes for every future success in farming.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.